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SUBJ: PROJECT HI-STAR SOUTH

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1. FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS EMBASSY HAS BEEN EXPECTED TO RECEIVE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR NEGOTIATION WITH GOA TO COVER SUBJECT PROJECT. ARPA REP CANBERRA INFORMS HIS UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED AGREEMENT WAS BEING VETTED IN ISA PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT DELAY IN NEGOTIATION OF THIS AGREEMENT COULD DELAY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN SCHEDULED TIMEFRAME APRIL-JUNE 1974.

2. ARPA REP CANBERRA ALSO INFORMS THAT COOPERATING AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARPA AND AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY IS ALREADY CLOSE TO CONCLUSION. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ARPA RECENTLY RELEASED FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PROCUREMENT AND SETTING UP OF LAUNCH FACILITIES AT WOOMERA RANGE.

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3. IN VIEW OF APPARENT PROGRESS ALREADY MADE AT THE

TECHNICAL LEVEL ON THIS PROJECT, EMBASSY REQUESTS URGENT
DISPATCH OF DRAFT NOTE FOR PRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND FROM ADOD SOURCE
THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THIS PROJECT WAS GIVEN
BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AS LONG AGO AS JULY 1973,
THE FORTHCOMING AUSTRALIAN VACATION SEASON (MID-DECEMBER
TO END JANUARY) SUGGESTS IT MAY PROVE DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE
THIS AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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